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Kahane, 6 Others Sue For Wiretap Damage

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Rabbi Meir Kahane and five other members of the militant Jewish Defense League filed a \$322,800 damage suit yesterday in connection with alleged illegal wiretapping of league telephones in its New York headquarters.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court here against Attorney General John N. Mitchell and various FBI agents who allegedly took part in the wiretapping, a league spokesman said. The FBI declined comment.

The spokesman said the suit is based on a 1968 law which provides for civil damages for wiretaps not authorized by a court.

The \$322,800 sought in the suit is based on \$100 damages for each of the 208 days during which the alleged illegal taps were placed on the league office telephones, the spokesman said. Thus each of the 16 league members in the suit is seeking \$20,800.

Kahane has been a persistent heckler of Soviet officials and personnel in this country, allegedly to protest the treatment of Jews in Russia.